

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4999–S5043

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 951–960, and S. Res. 125. **Pages S5013–14**

Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4999–S5011**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4999–S5011**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Page S4999**

Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018), to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Page S4999**

Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration. **Page S4999**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2009, and that at 5 p.m., there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between Senators Dodd and Vitter, or their designees, to debate concurrently Vitter Amendments No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018) and 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018) (listed above); provided that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments in the order listed above; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled, prior to each vote, with the second vote being 10 minutes in duration; provided further, that other than Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, the following be the only first-degree amendments in order to the bill, and that they be

subject to second-degree amendments which would be relevant to the amendment to which offered; with a managers amendment which has been cleared by the Managers and two Leaders, in order and that once it is offered, it be agreed to; provided that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (listed above), Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (listed above), Corker Amendment No. 1019 (listed above), Grassley Amendment No. 1020, Grassley Amendment No. 1021, Casey Amendment No. 1033, Ensign Amendment No. 1034, Kohl Amendment No. 1037, Kerry Amendment No. 1036, Thune Amendment No. 1030, Boxer Amendment No. 1035, DeMint Amendment No. 1026, Isakson Amendment No. 1027, Schumer Amendment No. 1031, Reed Amendment No. 1039, Feingold Amendment No. 1032, Reed Amendment No. 1040, and Boxer Amendment No. 1038. **Page S5011**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Brian Vincent Kennedy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.